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*William* *Jeffreyes*

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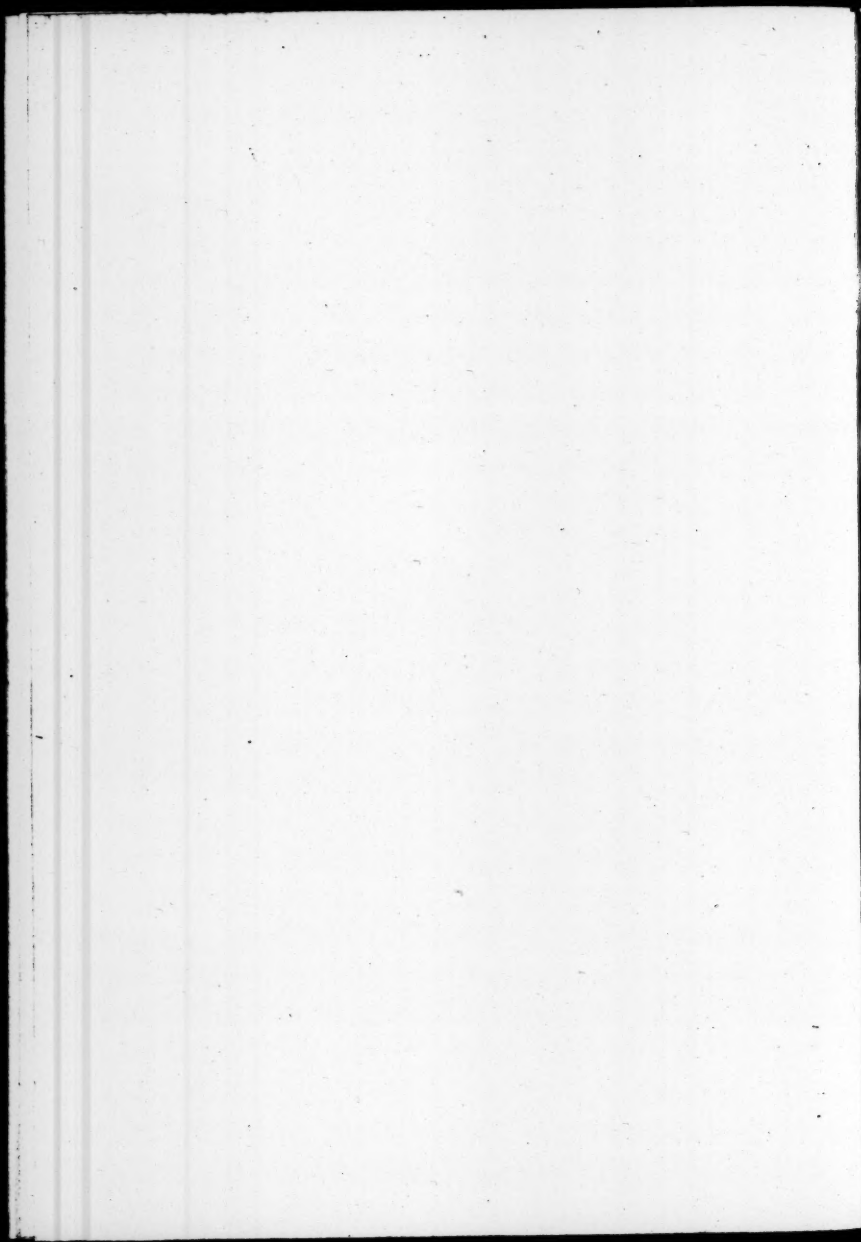
For those good Spirits,  
*that will take them*  
in good part,

AND  
*Make use of them to*  
good purpose.



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LONDON  
Printed by *Edw. Griffin*, for *John Gwillim*,  
and are to be sold at his shop in  
*Britaines-Burse. 1615.*





TO THE HO-  
norable, and my much

*Worthy honored, truly learned,*  
and Iudicious Knight,

*Sr Francis Bacon,*

his Ma<sup>ties</sup> Attourney

*Generall,*

Increase of honor, health,  
*and eternall happinesse.*



ORTH Y  
Knight, I  
haue read  
of many

Essaies, and a kinde of

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## *The Epistle*

Charactering of them,  
by such, as when I  
lookt into the forme, or  
nature of their wri-  
ting, I haue beene of  
the conceit, that they  
were but Imitators of  
your breaking the ice  
to their inuentions;  
which, how short they  
fall of your worth, I  
had rather thinke then  
speake, though Truth  
neede not blush at her  
blame:

*Dedicatorie.*

blame : Now , for my  
selfe vnworthy to  
touch neere the Rocke  
of those Diamonds, or  
to speake in their  
praise , who so farre  
exceede the power of  
my capacitie , vouch-  
safe me leaue yet, I be-  
seech you , among  
those Apes that would  
counterfet the actions  
of men, to play the like  
part with learning, and

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## *The Epistle*

as a Monkey , that  
would make a face like  
a Man, and cannot, so  
to write like a Scholler,  
and am not : and thus  
not daring to aduen-  
ture the Print, vnder  
your Patronage, with-  
out your fauourable  
allowance , in the de-  
voted seruice of my  
bounden duty, I leaue  
these poore Trauells  
of my Spirit, to the  
perusing

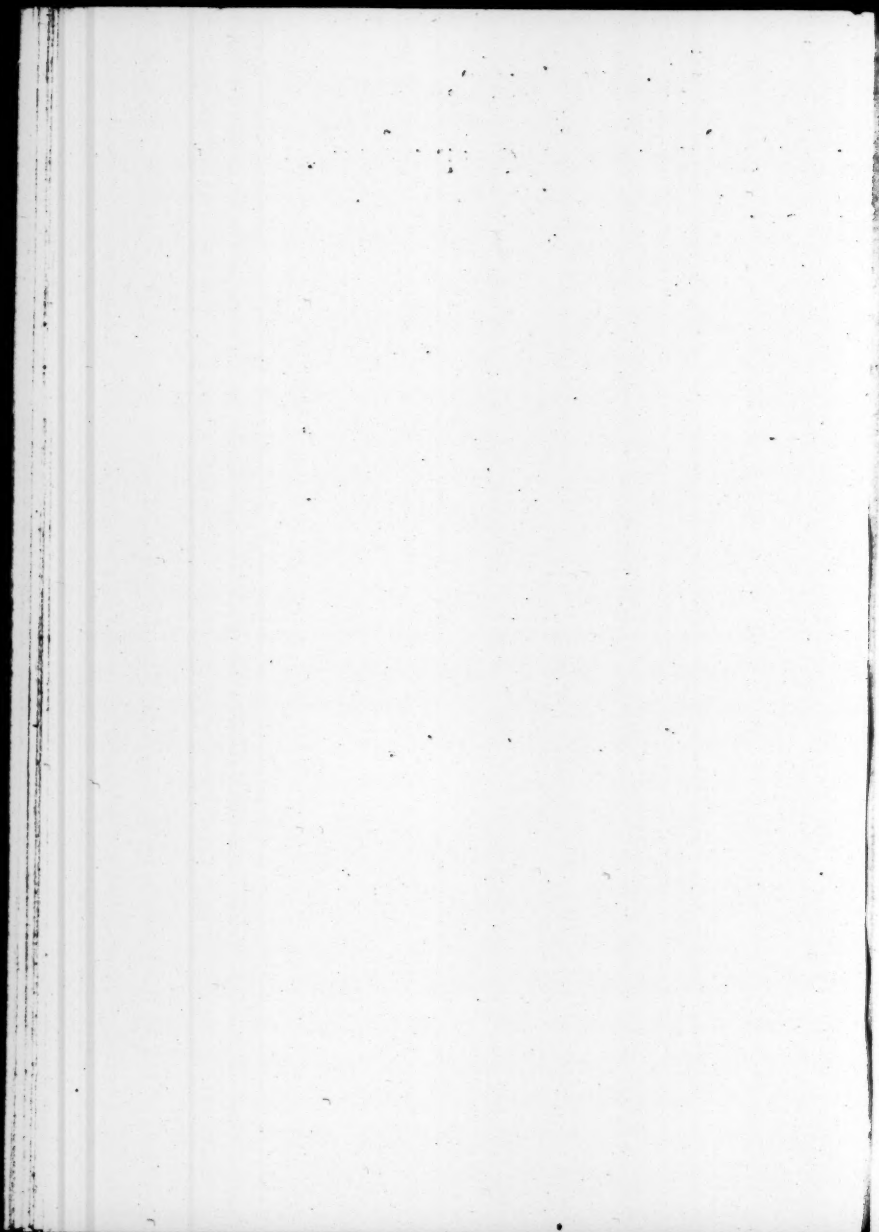
*Dedicatorie.*

perusing of your pleasing  
leasure, with the  
further fruites of my  
humble affection, to  
the happie employ-  
ment of your honora-  
ble pleasure.

*At your service*

*in all humblenessse*

NICH: BRETON.







## To the Reader.

**R**EAD what you list,  
and understand what  
you can : Characters  
are not euery mans  
construction, though  
they be writ in our mother tongue :  
and what I haue written, being of no  
other nature, if they fit not your hu-  
mor, they may please a better : I  
make no comparison, because I know  
you not, but if you will vouchsafe to  
looke into them, it may bee you may  
finde something in them ; thir na-  
tures are diuers, as you may see, if  
your eyes bee open, and if you can  
make use of them to good purpose,  
your

your wits may prooue the better :  
In brieft, fearing the foole will bee  
put vpon me, for being too busie with  
matters too farre aboue my vnder-  
standing, I will leaue my imperfe-  
ction to pardon, or correction, and  
my labour to their liking, that will  
not thinke ill of a well meaning : and  
so rest

Your well-willing friend,

N. B.

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## *Ad Authorem.*

**H**E that shall read thy characters (*Nic: Breton*)

And weigh them well; must say  
they are well written.

They taste the lampe: much reading, obseruation,

Art, matter, wit, all worthy commendation.

Some weaue their lines of such a  
slender thred,

They will not last so long, as to be  
read.

Thou hast so spunne, so weau'd;  
thy words, thy lines

They please vs most being viewd,  
a hundred times.

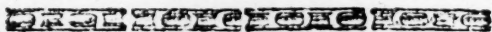
*W. D.*



In laudem operis.

**W**ords are the pensils, whereby drawne  
we finde  
The picture of the inward man, the  
minde.  
Such thoughts, such words; such words, such  
is the man.  
Say; is this Spirit a Plebey-  
an?  
That like the singing Larke doth mount  
so high,  
We cannot reach them with an earthly  
eye.

W. P.



**W**hile I Essay to character this Brooke,  
And this character'd Essayes o'elooke:  
I therein finde few words, great worth in value:  
A Lissian stile, terse Phrase: and so resolute,  
That as a Stone's best valu'd, and best prized,  
When best is knowne: so this, when best revised.

I. B.

**W** Ho reads this Booke with a  
iudicious eye,  
Will in true Iudgment, true discretion  
try,  
Where words and matter close and  
sweetly coucht,  
Doe shew how truth, wit, art, and  
nature toucht.  
What need more words these Chara-  
cters to praise,  
They are the true charactering of  
Essaies.

I. R.

**I** N words of worth, to speake of  
these Essayes  
Let this suffice, the worke it selfe  
will prayse.

C. N.



**S**ome haue an humor, that to dis-  
commend  
They know themselues, they know not  
how to mend.  
Other correct, what they doe thinke  
amisse :  
While in their owne conceit the  
error is.  
But true iudicious wits, and honest  
minde,  
Will giue their censure in some better  
kindes :  
And say but truth, that cannot be  
mistooke :  
Wit hath well labourde learning in  
this Booke.

R. B.





## *Wisedome.*

**W**ISEDOME is a working Grace in the Soules of the Elect : by whom the Spirit is made capable of those secrets, that neither Nature, nor Reason, is able to comprehend : who, by a powerfull vertue, She hath from the diuine Essence, worketh in all things, according to the will of the Almighty : and, being, before beginning, shall exceede Time, in an eternall proceeding : She is a Light, in the Intellectuall part, by which Reason is led to direct the Sences in their due Course, and Nature is preserved

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from Subiecting her selfe to Imperfection : in the Creation, Shee was of Councell with the Trinitie, in the pleasing of the Deity, in the Redemption, the Inuenter of Mercy, for, the preservation of the Elect, and in the Glorification, the Treasurer of life, for the reward of the faithfull, who, having committed to her Care, the cariage of the whole Motion, finding the disposition of earth in all the Children of her Wombe, by such a Measure, as she findes fitting their qualitie, she giues them either the grace of Nature, or the glory of Reason : While being the Mother of the Graces, Shee giues them that holy Instruction, that, in the knowledge of the highest Loue, thorough the pathes of Vertue, makes a passage to Heauen : Learning hath from her, that knowledge without the  
which,



which, all knowledge, is meere Ignorance : while, onely, in the Grace of Truth, is seene the Glorie of vnderstanding : Knowledge hath from Her that Learning, whereby, she is taught the direction of her Loue, in the way of life : Vnderstanding hath from her that Knowledge, that keepes Conceit, alwaies in the Spirits comfort : and Iudgement, from Vnderstanding, that Rule of Iustice, that by the euen waight of Impartiality, shewes the hand of Heauen in the heart of Humanitie : in the Heauens, She keepes the Angels in their orders, teacheth them the Natures of their Offices, and emploies them in the seruice of their Creator : in the Firmament, She walkes among the Starres, sets, and keepes them, in their places, courses, and operations, at her pleasure, She ec-

clipseth the light , and , in a Moment, leaues not a Clowde in the Skie : in Her Thunders , and Lightenings she shewes the Terror of the Highest Vvra<sup>th</sup>, and in Her temperate Calmes , the patience of his Mercy : in her frostie Winters, she shewes the weaknes of Nature , and in her Sunny Springs, the Recouery of Her health: in the Louers of this world liues no part of her purenesse, but, with Her beloued She makes a Heauen vpon Earth: in the King, she shewes her Grace, in his Councell, her Care , and , in his State, her Strength: in the Souldior, she shewes Vertue , the truest Valor, in the Lawier, Truth, the Honor of his Plea , in the Merchant, Conscience , the wealth of his Soule, and in the Church-man Charity, the true fruit of his Deuotion : She liues in the World,  
but,

but, not the worlds Loue, for the  
Worldes vnworthinesse, is not  
capable of her worth : Shee re-  
ceiueth Mammon , as a gift from  
his Maker, and makes him serue  
her vse to his Glory : She giues  
Honor , Grace in Bounty, and,  
manageth wit, by the Care of dis-  
cretion : She shewes the Necessi-  
ty of difference, and, wherein is  
the happinesse of Vnitie : Shee  
puts her Labor, to prouidence,  
her hope, to patience, her life, to  
her Loue, and, her Loue, to her  
Lord : wih whom , as chiefe Se-  
cretary of his secrets , she writes  
his will to the World, and as high  
Steward of his Courts, she keepes  
Account of all his Tenaunts : in  
Sum , so great is her Grace in the  
Heauens , as giues her Glory a-  
boue the Earth , and , so Infinite,  
are her Excellencies , in all the  
Course of her Action, and , so

Glorious are the Notes of her Incomprehensible Nature, that, I will thus onely Conclude, farre short of her Commendation : She is Gods Loue, and his Angells Light, his Seruants, Grace, and His Beloueds Glory.

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### *Learning.*

**L**earning is the life of Reason, and the Light of Nature, where, Time, Order, and Measure, square out the true Course of Knowledge; where, Discretion, in the Temper of Passion, brings experience to the best fruite of Affection: while, both, the *Theorick*, and the *Practicke*, labour in the life of Iudgement, till, the perfection of Art, shew the Honor of vnderstanding: She is the  
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keie of knowledge, that vnlocketh  
the Cabinet of Conceit, wherein  
are laide vp the Labours of Ver-  
tue, for the vse of the Schollers of  
Wisedome: where euery gracious  
Spirit may finde matter enough  
worthy of the Record of the best  
Memory: She is the Nurse of Na-  
ture, with that Milke of Reason,  
that, would make a Childe of  
Grace, neuer lie from the Dugge:  
Shee is the Schoole-mistress of  
Witte, and the gentle Gouvernour  
of Will, when, the Delight of vn-  
derstanding, giues the Comfort  
of Study: She is vnpleasing to  
none that knowes her, and vnpro-  
fitable, to none that loues her:  
She feares not to Wet her seete, to  
Wade thorough the Waters of  
Comfort, but, comes not neere  
the Seas of Iniquitie, where, folly  
drownes Affection, in the delight  
of Vanity: She opens her Trea-

furess to the Trauailers in Vertue,  
but, keeps them close from the  
Eies of Idlenesse : She makes the  
King Gracious, and his Councell,  
Iudicious, his Clergie, Deuout,  
and, his Kingdome, prosperous :  
She giues Honor to Vertue,  
Grace, to Honor, Reward, to La-  
bor, and, Loue, to Truth : She is  
the Messenger of Wisedome, to  
the mindes of the Vertuous, and,  
the Way to Honor, in the Spirits  
of the Gracious : She is the Store-  
house of Vnderstanding, where  
the Affection of Grace, can not  
want Instruction of goodnesse,  
while, in the Rules of her directi-  
ons, Reason is neuer out of  
square : She is the Exercise of  
Wit, in the application of Know-  
ledge, and the preseruer of the  
vnderstanding, in the practise of  
Memory : In briefe, she makes  
Age honorable, and, youth Ad-  
mirable:

mirable, the vertuous, wise, and the wise, gracious: Hir Libraries are infinite, hir lessons without number, hir instruction, without comparison, and hir Schollers without equalitie: In briefe, finding it a laborinth, to go through the grounds of hir praise: Let this suffice, that in all Ages shee hath been, and euer will be, the Darling of wisdome, the delight of wit, the study of vertue, and the stay of knowledge.

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### *Knowledge.*

**K**nowledge is a Collection of vnderstanding, gathered in the grounds of Learning, by the instruction of Wisdome: Shee is the exercise of Memory, in the actions of the Minde, and the employer

employer of the Senses, in the will of the Spirit: shee is the Notary of Time, and the tryer of Truth, and the labour of the Spirit in the loue of Vertue: shee is the pleasure of wit, and the paradise of Reason, where Conceit gathereth the sweet of Vnderstanding. Shee is the Kings counsellor, & the Councells grace, Youths garde, and Ages glory: It is free from doubts, and teares no danger, while the care of Prouidence cuts off the cause of Repentance: shee is the enemy of Idlenesse, and the maintayner of Labour, in the care of credit, and pleasure of profit: shee needs no aduice in the Resolution of Action, while Experience in obseruation, findes perfection infallible: It cleares Errors, and cannot be deceiued, corrects Impuritie, and will not bee corrupted: shee hath



hath a wide eare, and a close mouth, a pure eye, and a perfect heart : It is begotten by Grace, bred by Vertue, brought vp by Learning, and maintaine by Loue : shee conuerseth with the best capacities, and communicates with the soundest Iudgments, dwells with the diuineſt Natures, and loues the most patient dispositions : Hir hope is a kind of Assurance, hir faith a continuall expectation, hir loue an apprehension of Ioy, and hir life the light of Eternitie : Hir labours are infinite, hir wayes are vnsearcheable, hir Graces incomparable, and hir Excellencies inexplicable : and therefore, being so little acquainted with hir worth, as makes me blush at my vnworthinesse, to speake in the least of hir praise : I will onely leaue hir aduancement to Vertue,  
hir

hir honour to Wisdome, hir grace  
to Truth, and to Eternitie, hir  
glory.

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### *Practise.*

**P**Ractise, is the Motion of the  
Spirit, where the Sences are  
all set to worke in their Natures,  
where, in the fittest employment  
of Time, Reason maketh the best  
vse of vnderstanding: Shee is the  
Continuance of knowledge in the  
Ease of Memory, and the Honor  
of Resolution in the effect of Iudg-  
ment. Shee plants the Spring,  
and reapes the Haruest, makes  
labour sweet, and patience, com-  
fortable: Shee hath a foot on the  
earth, but, an eye at heauen, where  
the prayer of faith findes the feli-  
citic

citie of the Soule : in the fruit of Charity, she shewes the nature of Devotion, and in the Mercy of Justice, the Glory of government. Shee giues Time honour, in the fruit of Action, and Reason, grace, in the application of knowledge : She takes the height of the Sunne, walkes about the world, founds the depth of the Sea, and makes her passage thorough the waters. She is ready for all occasions, attendeth all persons, works with all instruments, and finisheth all actions : Shee takes Invention for her teacher, makes time, her seruant, method her direction, and place her habitation : Shee hath a wakefull eye, and a working braine, which fits the members of the body, to the seruice of the spirit : Shee is the Physitians agent, and the Apothecaries benefactor, the Chirurgions wealth,  
and

and the Patients, patience : Shee brings time, to labor, and care, to contentment: learning to knowledge, and vertue to honour: in Idlenesse shee hath no pleasure, nor acquaintance with Ignorance, but in Industry, is her delight, and in vnderstanding, her grace: Shee hath a passage thorough all the Predicaments, shee hath a hand in all the Artes, a property in all professions, and a qualitie in all conditions: in brieft, so many are the varieties of the manners of her proceedings, as makes me fearefull to follow her too farre in obseruation, lest, being neuer able to come neere the height of hir commendation, I be inforced, as I am, to leaue hir wholly to admiration.

*Patience*

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*Patience.*

**P**Atience is a kind of heavenly Tenure, whereby the Soule is held in possession, and a sweet temper in the Spirit, which restraineth nature from exceeding reason in passion. Hir hand keeps time in his right course, and hir eye pierceth into the depth of vnderstanding: Shee attendeth wisdom in all hir works, and proportioneth time, to the necessitie of matter: Shee is the poyson of Sorrow in the hope of Comfort, and the paradise of conceit in the ioy of peace: Hir tongue speakes seldome, but to purpose, and hir foot goeth slowly, but surely: Shee is the imitator of the Incomprehensible in his passage to perfection

fection, and a seruant of his will  
in the mappe of his workman-  
ship : in Confusion, Shee hath  
no operation, while she only ca-  
rieth hir conceit, with the consi-  
deration of experience : Shee  
trauailes farre, and is neuer wea-  
ry; and giues ouer no worke, but  
to better a beginning : Shee  
makes the King mercifull, and the  
Subiect loyall, Honour gracious,  
and, Wisdome glorious : Shee  
pacifieth wrath, and puts off re-  
uenge, and, in the humilitie of  
charitie, shewes the nature of  
Grace : Shee is beloued of the  
Highest, and imbraced of the wi-  
fest, honoured with the worthiest,  
and graced with the best : Shee  
makes imprisonment, Liberty,  
when the minde goeth thorough  
the world, and in sicknesse findes  
health, where death is the way to  
life : Shee is an Enemie to pas-  
sion

sion, and knowes no Purgatory ;  
thinkes fortune a fiction, and  
builds onely vpon Prouidence :  
Shee is the sick-mans Salue, and  
the whole mans preseruer : the  
Wise-mans staffe, and the good-  
mans Guide : In summe, not to  
wade too farre in hir worthinesse,  
lest I be drownd in the depth of  
wonder, I will thus end, in hir end-  
lesse Honour : Shee is the grace  
of Christ, and the vertue of Chri-  
stianitie, the praise of Goodnesse,  
and the preseruer of the world.

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*Loue.*

**L**OVE is the life of Nature, and  
the ioy of Reason, in the Spi-  
rit of Grace ; where vertue draw-  
ing affection, the concord of  
Sense, makes an vnion vnsepara-  
ble

ble in the diuine apprehension of the ioy of Election, it is a rauishment of the Soule, in the delight of the Spirit: which, being caried aboue it selfe, into inexplicable comfort, feeles that heavenly sicknesse, that is better than the worlds health, when the wisest of men, in the swounding delight of his sacred Inspiration, could thus vtter the sweetnesse of his passion: *My Soule is sicke of Love.* It is a healthfull sicknesse in the Soule, a pleasing passion in the Heart, a contentiue labour in the Minde, and a peacefull trouble of the Senses: it alters natures in contrarieties, when difficultie is made easie, paine, made a pleasure, poerty, riches, and imprisonment, liberty: for the content of conceit, which regards not to be an abiect, in being subiect, but to an obiect: it reioyceth in truth, and knowes



knowes no inconstancie, it is free from Ielousie, and feareth no fortune: it breakes the rule of Arithmeticke, by confounding of number, where the coniunction of thoughts make one minde in two bodies, where neither figure, nor cipher, can make diuision of vnion: it sympathies with life, and participates with light, when the eye of the minde, sees the ioy of the heart: it is a predominant power, which endures no equalitie, and yet, communicates with reason, in the rules of Concord: it breeds safety in a King, and peace, in a kingdome, Nations vnitie, and Natures gladnesse: It sings in labour, in the ioy of hope, and makes a paradise in reward of desert: it pleads but mercy, in the iustice of the Almighty; and but mutuall Amitie, in the nature of Humanitie: In

summe, hauing no Eagles eye, to looke vpon the Sunne, and fearing to looke too high, for feare of a chip in mine eye, I will in these few words, speake in praise of this peerelesse vertue: Loue is the grace of nature, and the glory of reason, the blessing of God, and the comfort of the world.

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*Peace.*

**P**EACE, is a Calme in Conceit, where the Senses take pleasure, in the rest of the Spirit: It is Natures holy day after Reasons labour, and Wildoms musique in the Concords of the minde: It is a blessing of Grace, a bounty of Mercy, a prooffe of Loue, and, a preferuer of life: It holds no Arguments, knowes no quarrells, is  
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an enemy to sedition, and a continuance of Amitie : It is the root of plenty, the Tree of pleasure, the fruit of Loue, and the sweetness of life : It is like the still Night, where all things are at rest, and the quiet sleep, where dreams are not troublesome : or the resolved point, in the perfection of knowledge, where no cares, nor doubts make controuersies in opinion : it needs no watch, where is no feare of Enemy, nor Solicitor of Causes, where Agreements are concluded : It is the intent of Law, and the fruit of Iustice : the end of Warre, and the beginning of Wealth : It is a grace in a Court, and a glory in a Kingdom, a blessing in a Family, and a happinesse in a Commonwealth : It fills the rich mans coffers, and feeds the poore mans labour : It is the Wise-mans study,

and the Good-mans ioy : who loue it, are gracious, who make it, are blessed, who keep it are happy, and who breake it, are miserable : It hath no dwelling with Idolatry, nor friendship with falshood, for hir life is in Truth, and in hir, all is *Amen*. But lest in the Iustice of Peace, I may rather be reprooued for my Ignorance of hir worth, then thought worthy to speake in hir prayse, with this only Conclusion, in the commendation of Peace, I will draw to an end, and hold my peace : It was a message of Ioy at the birth of Christ, a song of Ioy, at the imbracement of Christ, an assurance of Ioy, at the death of Christ, and shall be the fulnesse of Ioy, at the coming of Christ.

*Warre*

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*Warre.*

**W**ARRE is a scourge of the wrath of God, which by famine, fire, or sword, humbleth the spirits of the Repentant, tryeth the patience of the Faithfull, and hardneth the hearts of the vngodly: it is the misery of Time, and the terror of Nature, the dispeopling of the Earth, and the ruine of hir Beauty: Hir life, is Action, hir food, Bloud, hir honour, Valor, and hir ioy, Conquest. Shee is Valors exercise, and Honors aduenture, Reasons trouble, and Peaces enemy: shee is the stout mans loue, and the weake mans feare, the poore mans toile, and the rich mans plague: shee is the Armourers Benefactor, and the

Chirurgions agent, the Cowards  
ague, and the Desperats ouer-  
throw : she is the wish of Enuy,  
the plague of them that wish hir,  
the shipwracke of life , and the  
agent for death ; The best of hir  
is, that shee is the seasoner of the  
body , and the manager of the  
minde, for the induring of labor,  
in the resolution of action : shee  
thunders in the Aire , rips vp the  
Earth , cuts thorough the Seas,  
and consumes with the fire : shee  
is indeed the inuention of Ma-  
lice, the worke of Mischiefe , the  
musique of Hell, and the daunce  
of the Deuill : she makes the end  
of Youth vntimely , and of Age  
wretched , the Cities sacke , and  
the Countries beggery : shee is  
the Captaines pride , and the  
Captiues sorrow , the throat of  
bloud , and the graue of flesh :  
shee is the woe of the world , the  
punish-

punishment of sinne, the passage of danger, and, the Messenger of destruction: she is the wise mans warning, and the fooles paiment, the godly mans grieve, and, the wicked mans game: In summe, so many are her woundes, so mortall her cures, so daungerous her course, and, so deuilish her deuises, that, I will wade no further in her riuers of bloud, but, only, thus conclude in her description: she is Gods curse, and Mans misery, hells Practise, and earthes Hell.

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### *Valor.*

**V**Alor is a Vertue in the spirit, which keepes the flesh in subiection: Resolues without feare, and trauailes without fainting:

ting: she vowes no villany, nor,  
breakes her fidelity, she is patient  
in captiuity, and pittifull in conquest: Her gaine is honor, and,  
desert her meane, fortune her  
skorne, and folly, her hate: wisdom  
is her guide, and conquest  
her grace, clemency, her praise,  
and humilitie, her Glory: she is  
youthes ornament, and ages honor;  
natures blessing, and Vertues loue:  
Her life is resolution, & her loue,  
victory, her triumph, truth, and her  
fame, vertue: Her armes are from  
antiquitie, and, her cote, full of  
honor, where, the title of grace,  
hath her Herauldry from heauen:  
she makes a walke of warre, and a  
sport of danger, an ease, of labour,  
and a Iest, of death: she makes  
famine, but abstinence, want, but,  
a patience, sicknesse, but a purge,  
and death, a puffle: she is the  
Maintainer of warre,



warre, the Generall of an army, the terror of an Enemy, and the glory of a campe: she is the Noblenesse of the minde, and the strength of the Body, the life of hope, and the death of feare: with a handfull of men, shee overthrowes a multitude, and with a sodaine amazement, shee discomfites a Campe: she is the reuenge of wrong, and the defence of right, Religions Champion, and, vertues choise: In briebe, let this suffice in her commendation: she strengthened *David*, and conquered *Goliath*, shee overthrowes her enemies, and conquers her selfe.

*Resolution.*

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**R**ESolution is the Honour of Valor, in the quarrell of Vertue, for the defence of Right, and Redreile of Wrong: she, beates the March, pitcheth the Battaile, plants the Ordinance, and Maintaines the fight: Her Eare is stopt from Disswasions, her Eie aimes only at Honor, her hand takes the Sword of Valor, and her heart thinkes of nothing, but victory: Shee giues the Charge, makes the Stand, Assaults the fort, and enters the Breach: Shee breakes the Pikes, faceth the Shot, dampes the Souldior, and defeats the Army: Shee looseth no time, flippes no Occasion, dreads no danger, and, Cares for no force; she

She is Valors lite , and vertues  
Loue , iustice Honor , and , Mer-  
cies Glorie : Shee beates downe  
Castles , fires Shippes , Wades  
thorough the Sea , and Walkes  
thorough the World : She makes  
Wisedome, her Guide , and Will,  
her Seruant, Reason, her Comp-  
nion , and Honor , her Mistris :  
She is a Blessing in Nature , and a  
Beauty , in Reason , a Grace in In-  
vention , and , a Glory in Action :  
She studies no plots , when her  
platforme is set downe , and defers  
no time , when her houre is pre-  
fixed : Shee standes vpon no  
helpes , when she knowes her own  
force , and in the Execution of her  
will , she is a Rocke Irremoueable :  
She is the Kings Will , without  
Contradiction , and the Iudges  
doome , without Exception , the  
Schollers profession , without Al-  
teration , and the Souldiers Honor  
without

without Comparison: In Summe  
 so many are the groundes of her  
 Grace, and the iust Causes of her  
 Commendation, that, Leaving  
 her worth, to the discription of  
 better wits, I will in these fewe  
 wordes, conclude my Conceit of  
 her: She is the stoutnesse of the  
 heart, and the strength of the  
 minde, a gift of God, and, the  
 glory of the World.

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### *Honor.*

**H**ONOR is a Title of Grace,  
 given by the spirit of Ver-  
 tue, to the desert of Valor, in the  
 defence of Truth: it is wronged,  
 in basenesse, and abused in vn-  
 worthinesse, endangered in wan-  
 tonnesse, and lost in wickednes:  
 It nourisheth Art, and crowneth  
 Wit,

Wit, graceth Learning, and glorifieth Wisedome : in the Herauldry of Heauen, it hath the richest Cote, being, in Nature Allied, vnto all the houses of Grace, which in the Heauen of heauens, attend the King of kings : Her Escucheon is a heart, in which, in the shield of faith, she beares on the Anckor of Hope, the Helmit of Saluation: she quarters with Wisedome in the Resolution of Valor, and in the line of Charitie, she is of the House of Iustice : Her Supporters are Time, and Patience, her Mantle, Truth, and her crest, Christ treading vpon the Globe of the world : her Imprese, *Corona mea, Christus* : In brieft, finding her state so high, that I am not able to climbe vnto the praise of her perfection, I will leaue her Royalty to the Register of most Princely spirits.

Spirits, and in my humble hearts  
thus only deliuer my opinion of  
her : She is Vertues due , and  
Graces gitt, Valors wealth , and  
Reasons ioy.

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### *Truth.*

**T**Ruth is the Glory of time,  
and the daughter of Eterni-  
ty : a Title of the highest Grace,  
and, a Note of a diuine Nature :  
she is the life of Religion , the  
light of Loue, the Grace of Wit,  
and the Crowne of Wisedome,  
she is the Beauty of Valor , the  
brightnesse of honor, the blessing  
of reason , and the ioy of faith :  
her truth is pure gold , her Time,  
is right pretious, her word is most  
gratious , and her will, is most  
glorious : Her Essence is in God,  
and

and, her dwelling with his seruants, her will in his wisedome, and her worke, to his Glory: she is honored in loue, and graced in constancie, in patience admired, and in charity, beloued: she is the Angels worshippe, the Virgins fame, the Saints blisse, and the Martirs crowne: she is the Kings Greatnesse, and his Councels, Goodnesse, his subiects Peace, and his kingdomes Praise: she is the life of learning, and the light of the Law, the honor of Trade, and the grace of labor: she hath a pure Eye, a plaine hand, a piercing wit and a perfect heart: she is wisedomes walke in the way of holinesse, and takes vp her rest, but, in the resolution of goodnes: Her tongue neuer trippes, her heart neuer faintes, her hand neuer failes, and her faith, neuer feares: her Church is without

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schisme, her City without fraude,  
her Court, without Vanity, and  
her kingdome, without Villany:  
In summe, so infinite is her Excel-  
lence, in the construction of all  
sence, that I will thus only con-  
clude in the wonder of her worth:  
she is the Nature of perfection, in  
the perfection of Nature, where  
God, in Christ, shewes the glory  
of Christianity.

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*Time.*

**T**ime is a continuall Motion,  
which from the highest  
Mouer, hath his operation in  
all the subiects of Nature, accord-  
ding



ding to their qualitie, or disposition : He is in proportion, like a Circle, wherein, hee walketh with an euen passage, to the point of his prefixed place : Hee attendeth none, and yet is a servant to all; he is best employed by wisdom, and, most abused, by folly : He carrieth both the sworde and the scepter, for the vse both of Iustice, and Mercie : He is present in all Inuention, and, can not be spared from Action : He is the Treasury of Graces in the Memory of the wise, and, brings them forth to the world, vpon Necessity of their vse : He openeth the windowes of Heauen, to giue Light vnto the Earth, and, spreades the cloake of the Night to couer the Rest of labor : He closeth the Eie of Nature, and waketh the spirit of Reason, he trauelleth thorough

the minde, and is visible, but, to the Eie of Vnderstanding: He is swifter then the winde, and yet, as still, as a Stone, pretious in his right vse, but, perilous in the contrarie: He is soone founde of the carefull Soule, and quickly mist in the want of his comfort, he is soone lost in the lacke of Em- ployment, and not to be recou- red without a world of Ende- uour: he is the true mans peace, and the Theeues perdition, the good mans blessing, and the wic- ked mans curse: He is knowne to be, but, his being vnknowne, but only in his being, in a being a- boue knowledge: he is a Riddle not to be read, but in the circum- stance of description, his name, better knowne then his nature, and hee that maketh best vse of him, hath the best vnderstanding fo him: he is like the study of the  
Philoso-

Philosophers stone, where, a man may see wonders, and yet short of his Expectation : hee is at the Inuention of warre, Armes the Souldier, Maintaines the quarrell, and makes the Peace : Hee is the Courtiers Play-fellow, and, the Souldiers Schole-master, the Lawyers Gaine, and the Merchantes, Hope : His life, is Motion, and his loue Action, his honor, Patience, and his glory, perfection : He masketh Modestie and blusheth Virginitie, honoreth Humilitie, and graceth, Charitie : In Summe, finding it a world to walke thorough the wonder of his Worth, I will thus briefly deliuer, what I finde truely of him : Hee is the Agent of the Liuing, and the Register of the dead, the

direction of God, and a great  
Worke-master in the world.

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*Death.*

**D**EATH is an ordinance of God, for the subiecting of the world, which is limited his time for the correction of Pride; in his substance, he is nothing, being but onely a deprivation, and in his true description, a name without a nature: He is seene, but in a picture: heard, but in a tale: feared, but in a passion: and felt, but in a pinch: He is a terror, but to  
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the wicked, and a skar-crow, but to the foolish : but to the wise, a way of comfort, and to the godly, the gate to life : He is the ease of paine, and the end of sorrow, the liberty of the imprisoned, and the ioy of the faithfull : it is both the wound of sinne, and the wages of sinne, the Sinners feare, and the Sinners doom. He is the Sextons agent, and the Hangmans reue-nue, the rich mans dirge, and the Mourners merry-day. Hee is a course of time, but vncertaine, till hee come, and welcome but to such, as are weary of their liues : It is a message from the Physitian, when the Patient is past cure, and if the writ be well made, it is a *supra sedes* for all diseases : It is the heauens stroke, and the earths Steward, the follower of sicknesse, and the forerunner to Hell. In

summe, hauing no pleasure to ponder too much of the power of it, I will thus conclude my opinion of it; It is a stinge of sinne, and the terror of the wicked, the crowne of the Godly, the staire of vengeance, and a stragem of the Deuill.

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*Faith.*

**F**AITH is the hand of the soule, which layeth hold of the promises of Christ in the mercy of the Almighty: Shee hath a bright eye, and a holy eare, a  
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cleare heart, and a sure foot: shee  
is the strength of Hope, the trust  
of Truth, the honour of Amitie,  
and the ioy of Loue: shee is rare  
among the sonnes of men, and  
hardly found among the daugh-  
ters of weomen; but among the  
sonnes of God, she is a conuey-  
ance of their inheritance, and a-  
mong the daughters of Grace, she  
is the assurance of their portions.  
Hir dwelling is in the Church of  
God, hir conuersation with the  
Saints of God, her delight with  
the beloued of God, and her life is  
in the loue of God: shee knowes  
no falshood, distrusts no Truth,  
breakes no promise, and coines no  
excuse, but as bright as the Sunne,  
as swift as the winde, as sure as the  
rocke, and as pure as the gold, she  
lookes towards heauen, but liues  
in the world, in the soules of the  
Elect:

Elect, to the glory of Election: she was wounded in Paradise, by a dart of the Deuill, and healed of her hurt, by the death of Christ Iesus: shee is the poore mans credit, and the rich mans praise, the wisemans care, and the good mans cognizance. In summe, finding her worth, in words hardly to be expressed, I will in these few words onely deliuer my opinion of her: Shee is Gods blessing, and mans blisse, reasons comfort, and vertues glory.

*Feare*



## Feare.

**F**EARE is a fruit of sinne, which drove the first Father of our flesh, from the presence of God, and hath bred an imperfection in a number of the worse part of his posteritie: It is the disgrace of nature, the foile of reason, the maim of wit, and the slur of vnderstanding: It is the palsie of the Spirit, where the Soule wanteth faith, and the badge of a Coward, that cannot abide the sight of a sword: It is weaknesse in nature, and a wound in patience, the death of hope, and the entrance into despaire: It is childrens awe, and fooles amazement, a worme in conscience, and a curse to wickednesse. In brieft, it makes the  
Coward

Coward stagger, the Lye stam-  
mer, the Thiefe stumble, and the  
Traitor start: It is a blot in  
Armes, a blur in Honour, the  
shame of a Souldier, and  
the defeat of an  
Army.

*FINIS.*

